



Performance Note
SB0039 - Assisted Outpatient
Treatment for Mental Illness
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Performance Note Report

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Agency: Department of Human Services

Funding For:

New Services or Benefit

Public Benefit:

Purpose: Provide Assisted Outpatient Treatment for involuntary outpatient mental health clients that qualify under 62A-15-630.5. This consists of case management and individualized treatment plan, created with input from the proposed patient when possible but does not create independent authority to forcibly medicate a patient. The population served is the approximately 50% of people involved in civil commitment who do not have Medicaid or other insurance provider.

Services: Assisted Outpatient Treatment, consisting of case management and individualized treatment plan, created with input from the proposed patient when possible but does not create independent authority to forcibly medicate a patient.

Expected Outcome: Reduced inpatient costs and treatment in the least restrictive setting.

Implementations and Resources: A person who has credible knowledge of an adult's mental illness may file an application with the district court. Before issuing a judicial order, the court may require the applicant to consult with local mental health authorities and for them to interview the applicant. A notice will then be sent out. Two designated examiners shall complete an examination. A hearing shall be scheduled in 10 days. The patient may be represented by counsel. The judge is to consider the relevant information. If the court finds clear and convincing evidence and there is no less-restrictive alternative, they may remand the proposed patient into Assisted Outpatient Treatment. In doing so, it is expected that hospitalizations can be avoided and further deterioration of the person's condition can be avoided. (See proposed bill for details, as this is a rough outline.)

How: The proposed patient will be compelled to Assisted Outpatient Treatment, where services can be provided to assist the proposed patient to halt further deterioration of their mental health condition.

Performance Measures

Goal

Title: Reduced hospitalization

Description: Reduced hospitalization costs of patients who are suffering from a mental health condition that otherwise untreated would result in hospitalization.

Collection Method: Number of individuals.

	2019	2020	2021
#	120.00	110.00	100.00
Baseline	0.00	0.00	0.00

Goal

Title: Avoiding further deterioration of the clients mental health condition

Description: By assisting the patient's condition earlier in the process, deterioration of the patient's mental health condition can be arrested or reduced.

Collection Method: Future Cost Avoidance Compounded Yearly

	2019	2020	2021
Target	50000.00	75000.00	75000.00
Baseline	0.00	0.00	0.00

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